

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-10, and 12-14 are pending. In the present amendment, Claims 1, 2, 13, and 14 are currently amended. Support for the present amendment can be found in the original specification, for example, at page 13, lines 6-17, and in Fig. 5. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to; the specification was objected to; Claims 1-5, 7-10, and 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; and Claims 1-5, 7-10, and 12-14 were indicated as including allowable subject matter if re-written to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-5, 7-10, and 12-14.

This amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which, after final rejection, permits entering of amendments canceling claims, complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action, or presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The present amendment only includes subject matter which was earlier presented. Thus, no new matter has been added, and this amendment does not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

With respect to the objection to the drawings, Claims 1 and 2 are amended to recite, in part, "a throughhole formed in the bracket and elongated in a vertical direction." As shown in an exemplary embodiment of the claimed invention in Fig. 5, throughholes 46a and 46b are formed in the bracket 44 and elongated in the vertical direction. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

With respect to the objection to the specification, as discussed above, Claims 1 and 2 are amended to recite, in part, “a throughhole formed in the bracket and elongated in a vertical direction.” As discussed in an exemplary embodiment of the claimed invention on page 13, lines 6-17 of the specification, throughholes 46a and 46b are formed in the bracket 44 and are oblong holes “longer in the vertical position, so that the positions of the bolts 41 can be adjusted.” Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

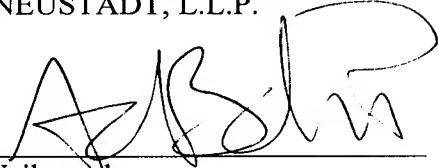
Turning now to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, Claims 1 and 2 are hereby amended to address the issues noted in the Office Action. Specifically, the Office Action in paragraph 3 on page 3 notes that “[t]he disclosure sets forth throughholes (46a, 46b) in the bracket only.” Accordingly, Claims 1 and 2 are amended to recite, in part, “a throughhole formed in the bracket and elongated in a vertical direction.” In view of amended Claims 1 and 2, it is believed that all pending claims are definite and no further rejections on that basis are anticipated. However, if the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to derive mutually acceptable language.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, L.L.P.



Steven P. Weihrouch
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 32,829

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 07/09)

Adnan H. Bohri
Registration No. 62,648

1835398_1.DOC